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Title: Image Acquisition System
and Method for Acquiring
Variable Sized Objects

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of December 18, 2002, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claim

26. (New) A method for acquiring images of variable sized objects in an image acquisition system, wherein the image acquisition system comprises an image sensing device and an image acquisition device, wherein the objects are moving relative to the

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